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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-2, 4-9, 16-19, 21, 24, and 32 will be pending of which claim 1 is independent. Claim 5 has been amended to delete the second occurrence of the word "component", and claim 32 has been amended to better reflect the language of page 13, lines 17-19, in the specification (as pointed out by the Examiner in paragraph 3 of the Office Action). Claims 33-44 have been cancelled, with the note that Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these claims, e.g. in a continuation application. Withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

With the cancellation of claims 33-44 per this Amendment, the only remaining issues are the objection to claim 5 (paragraph 7 of the Office Action) and the rejection of claim 32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph (paragraph 3 of the Office Action). All other pending claims have been allowed by the Examiner.

Regarding the objection to claim 5, Applicant notes that the second occurrence of "component" has been removed from the claim. With respect to claim 32, Applicant has revised the claim in accordance with the Examiner's comments, i.e. the molecular weight range of "about 200 to about 10,000" has been included. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 5 and the rejection of claim 32 is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

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